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1. KOREA

OBERDORFER (WP) NOTES TESTIMONY BY DOS' KRATZER BEFORE SEN GOVT OPNS SUBCMTE THURSDAY, THAT SK HAS CANCELLED PLANS PURCHASE PLUTONIUM REPROCESSING PLANT FROM FRANCE. UNDER QUESTIONING, KRATZER REPLIED ONLY THAT GOK MADE OWN DECISION; BUT KOREAN SOURCES SAY US EXERTED "TREMENDOUS PRESSURE" ON SEOUL TO CANCEL DEAL. SOURCES SAID DOS, IN "UNUSUAL SHOW OF TOUGHNESS," REPORTEDLY MADE CLEAR US WOULD WITHHOLD EXPORT LICENSES, EX-IM BANK FINANCING FOR 292 MILLION DOL SECOND WESTINGHOUSE POWER ATOMIC POWER REACTOR IF ROK PERSISTED IN DEAL WITH FRANCE; ALSO SAID US ASKED CANADA HOLD UP SALE OF CANDU REACTOR
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UNTIL ROK CHANGED MIND ON FRENCH PLANT. NOTES SEN GLENN (0) HAILED NEWS AS INDICATION OF "SOME SENSE OF SANITY" IN BURGEONING NUCLEAR FIELD.

OBERDORFER ALSO CITES TESTIMONY BY HERBERT SCOVILLE, FORMER USG OFFICIAL, EXPERT IN FIELD, THAT REPROCESSING PLANT IN SK COULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED ON ECONOMIC GROUNDS, AND RAISES "SERIOUS QUESTION" WHY SK WISHES ACQUIRE SUCH CAPABILITY.

NYT'S BURNHAM NOTES KRATZER TOLD SUBCMTE OF HOPE SK DECISION "WOULD LEAD OTHER COUNTRIES TO REALIZE THAT REPROCESSING FACILITIES ARE NOT A SENSIBLE OR ATTRACTIVE PART OF THE NUCLEAR POWER SYSTEM." ADDS FRENCH EMBASSY SPOKESMAN DECLINED COMMENT ON KRATZER TESTIMONY.

NORDLINGER (SUN) SAYS KRATZER CONFIRMED "MANY DISCUSSIONS" HELD WITH OTHER GOVTS ABOUT CONTROVERSIAL SK-FRANCE DEAL, INCLUDING SOV, WHICH PRESUMABLY URGED US PERSUADE ROK CANCEL.

2. JAPAN

JOC (TOKYO) NOTES SEVEN JAPANESE STEEL MAKERS ACKNOWLEDGE CONDUCTING MERGER TALKS. IF SUCCEED, WILL MERGE INTO TWO GROUPS, TO MAKE SPECIAL STEELS AND CARBON STEEL PRODUCTS, RESPECTIVELY. BOTH WOULD REMAIN IN "ORBIT" OF NIPPON STEEL. SPECIAL STEEL CAPACITY OF MAJOR PARTNERS, DAIDO SEIKO, EXCEEDS MILLION TONS, ANNUAL SALES 400 MILLION DOLS.

YOMIURI THURSDAY REPORTED JAPAN AGREED PROVIDE BRAZIL "EASY LOANS" TOTALING 1.35 BILLION DOLS TO FINANCE MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. WILL SIGN AGREEMENT WHEN PRES GIESEL VISITS TOKYO IN MAY (UPI, JOC).

3. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

EANKING SOURCES CONFIRM USG ORDERD BANKS BLOCK ACCOUNTS AMCITS STRANDED SVN. APR 30 MOVE CAUSES HARDSHIP TO MANY AMERICANS/DEPENDENTS IN SVN (UPI, WSTAR 1/29; WP). UNCLASSIFIED

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PURPOSE WAS PREVENT COMMUNIST GOVT OBTAINING FOREIGN EXCHANGE. AMEMBASSY BANGKOK OFFICIALS REQUEST DETAILS ON HOW ACCOUNTS MAY BE UNBLOCKED, MONEY SENT AMCITS INVOLVED; SAY APPEARED NO INTENT PREVENT TRAPPED GETTING FUNDS (UPI, WSTAR 1/29).

THAI MIL SOURCES SAY HUNDREDS KHMER TROOPS MOVING ARMORED VEHICLES, HEAVY WEAPONS NORTH IN POSSIBLE MAJOR DRIVE AGAINST ANTI-GOVT GUERRILLAS (WP).

4. BURMA

TRADE MINISTER U SAN WIN FIRST CASUALTY IN WAR AGAINST

"ALIEN CULTURES"; LOSES JOB FOR FAILING BAN WESTERN DRESS, MUSIC AT RESORT HOTEL (GLOBE 1/29).

5. INDONESIA/TIMOR

PERTAMINA SAYS US FIRMS DISCOVER NEW OIL WELL IN E SUMATEA WITH 2280 BBL/DAY YIELD (REUTER JAKARTA).

FRETILIN SAYS FORCES REPEL STRONG INDO ATTACK ON TIMOR DISTRICT TOWN (REUTER SYDNEY).

6. CHINA

REUTER (PEKING) REPORTS FIRECRACKERS THUNDERED IN STREETS, CROWDS GATHERED ROUND MAKE-SHIFT SHOPS SET UP ON STREET CORNERS SELLING FIREWORKS, PAPER LANTERNS, TOYS -- AS CAPITAL WENT ON RARE SHOPPING SPREE FRIDAY, WELCOMING CHINESE NEW YEAR. NCNA CONTENDED MOST COMMODITIES IN FAR GREATER SUPPLY THAN LAST YEAR, AND REUTER REPORTS WELL-STOCKED SHOPS TESTIFIED TO THIS. MANAGER PEKING'S MAIN DEPT STORE TOLD REUTER SOME PRICES RECENTLY REDUCED, AND SALES MINIATURE TV SETS ROSE FIVE-FOLD FOLLOWING PRICE CUT OF 30-125 DOLS. TRAINS CRAMMED TO CAPACITY BRINGING YOUTHS "SENT DOWN TO COUNTRYSIDE" BACK TO CITY FOR FEW DAYS WITH PARENTS.

7. PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

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PM SOMARE, SECESSIONIST LEADER MAKE JOINT APPEAL FOR PEACE; PLAN TALKS TO DISCUSS BOUGAINVILLE'S FUTURE (UPI, NYT). P-NG RIOT POLICE ESCORT HEALTH MINISTER FROM BOUGAINVILLE VILLAGE, WHERE REPORTEDLY THREATENED BY SECESSIONISTS (REUTER BOUGAINVILLE).

8. AUSTRALIA

KEMPER INTL INSURANCE CO FORMS NEW SUBSIDIARY IN AUSTRALIA, WITH INITIAL EMPHASIS DEVOTED DEVELOPING ENGINEER-RELATED BUSINESS WITH STRESS ON HIGHLY PROTECTED RISK COVERAGES (JOC).

9. PACIFIC ISLANDS

REP EILBERG SUGGESTS COMMISSION BE FORMED CONSIDER WHETHER GUAM, PUERTO RICO, VIRGIN IS, NORTHERN MARIANAS NEED SPECIAL IMMIGRATION LAWS DUE PROBLEMS WITH RESOURCES, LABOR SUPPLY. PROPOSES 22-MEMBER BODY CONDUCT 2-YR STUDY, INTRODUCES LEGISLATION ESTABLISH COMMISSION (AP, NYT).

10. GENERAL

INTL SOFTBALL FEDERATION TEMPORARILY SUSPENDS MEXICO, PHILS OVER REFUSAL PLAY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS DUE PRESENCE S AF TEAM. SERIES STARTS SATURDAY IN NZ. PRESENCE S AF, TAIWAN TEAMS IN 9-DAY, 7-NATION CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTED IN SEVERAL PROTESTS (REUTER WELLINGTON).

WP'S HOAGLAND, AT DAMASCUS, NOTES FOREIGNERS BOOST SYRIAN BUILDUP, WITH NEW CONTINGENTS NVN ADVISERS, LARGE NUMBERS NK, CUBAN TECHNICIANS ARRIVED PAST YEAR. NOTES NVIETS, NKS, CONCENTRATE ON AIR DEFENSE. ADDS NK PILOTS FLEW COMBAT MISSIONS IN 1973 WAR.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. KOREA

SUN'S SEIDEN, IN SEOUL, CALLS KIM DAE-JUNG ONE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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EASIEST MEN TO FIND IN KOREA, BECAUSE "ALMOST ALWAYS AT HOME" WHERE HE REMAINS VIRTUAL PRISONER SINCE 1973 ABDUCTION FROM TOKYO HOTEL. KIM ARGUES AGAINST CONVICTION LAST MONTH OF ELECTION LAW VIOLATIONS, ON GROUNDS SUBSEQUENT EVENTS PROVE HE WAS "NOT SPREADING A FALSE REPORT" WHEN WARNED PARK, IF RE-ELECTED IN 1971, WOULD ESTABLISH "GENERALISSIMO SYSTEM." SEIDEN NOTES GOJ STILL SAYS KIM SHOULD OE ALLOWED RETURN JAPAN, BUT MADE CLEAR WILL DO NOTHING DRASTIC TO GET HIM BACK. SEES US HOPING APPLY "ENOUGH PRESSURE" TO KEEP KIM OUT OF JAIL, WHERE WOULD BE MORE DANGER TO ROKG AS MARTYR.

LAT'S JOHN DART (1/29), IN LENGTHY EXPOSE, REVEALS CONFIDENTIAL 414-PG UNIFICATION TRAINING MANUAL, OBTAINED FROM FORMER MEMBERS OF SECT, IN WHICH REV MOON CLAIMS BE "NEW MESSIAH," MUST BECOME RICHEST, MOST POWERFUL MAN IN WORLD "TO ACHIEVE GOD'S WILL." SECT'S ESOTERIC TEACHINGS ALSO MAKE CLEAR MOON MUST "HAVE DOMINION OVER AMERICA" TO SUBDUE "SATANIC COMMUNISM"; STATE US CONSTITUTION WILL BE AMENDED TO CONFORM TO MOON'S DIVINE PRINCIPLE, AND EXTRA-MARITAL SEX "WILL CONSTITUTE A FELONY."

NYDN'S SINGLETON SAYS UNIFICATION CHURCH STAGED "BLANDEST OPEN HOUSE IMAGINABLE" THURSDAY, IN NYC, TO SHOW NEIGHBORS "WE'RE NOT SO CONTROVERSIAL," ACCORDING TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR MICHAEL RUNYON.

,2. CHINA

SUN'S ISAACS, IN HK, SEES PRC'S ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASE

SIX FORMER KMT PRISONERS TO TAIWAN AS GOODWILL GESTURE
TIMED COINCIDE WITH CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR. NOTES

ALSO PLA ANNOUNCEMENT IT WILL, AS USUAL, SUSPEND SHELLING
QUEMOY, OTHER ROC-HELD ISLANDS, DURING HOLIDAYS.

WESTINGHOUSE'S MACLEISH, IN LONDON, HOLDS THAT
WITH ;TEPID CHOICES" PRESENTED BY AMERICAN POLITICS,
RESTORATION SPANISH MONARCHY, WEAKNESS BRIT SOCIALISM,
AND UNCERTAINTIES ATTENDENT UPON FIRST PRC POLITICAL
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GENERATION HANDING OVER TO SECOND, POLITICAL AIR OF
SEVERAL MAJOR SOCIETIES SEEMS ROILED BY MORBID UNCER-
TAINTY ABOUT WAYS THEY HAVE LATELY DONE THINGS.
REMARKS THAT WHILE IN WEST DRUMFIRE OF EMERGENCY
HAS BECOME NORM TO WHICH GOVTS DEVOTE THEIR FULL
ENERGIES, WE CANNOT COMPLETELY KNOW HOW IMPACT OF
EMERGENCY PHENOMENA ARE RECEIVED, DEALT WITH, IN
AUTHORITARIAN SYSTEMS. ALTHOUGH WE SOMETIMES CATCH
GLIMPSES OF MASSIVE SOVIET MIL SHIFTS, GRAIN PURCHASES
FROM ABROAD, ETC, WE KNOW EVEN LESS ABOUT EFFECT IN
PRC (WP).

CSM'S HARSCH SUGGESTS THAT ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT
IMPLICATIONS OF CURRENT US WEAPONS DEBATE IS WHAT
EFFECT THIS YEAR'S US DEFENSE BUDGET DECISIONS HAVE
ON NEW PRC LEADERSHIP THINKING. OBSERVES SCHLESINGER
TAKES VIEW THAT PEKING REGARDS STRONG US DEFENSE
POSTURE ESSENTIAL TO PRESENT CHINESE POSTURE VS SOVIET;
BUT SUGGESTS THAT IF CHINESE SAW THAT POSTURE
DECLINING, THEY MIGHT CONCLUDE NO CHOICE BUT COME TO
TERMS WITH SOVIET.

DIRECTOR CHINESE INFORMATION SERVICE WRITES CSM TAKING
ISSUE WITHRECENT WM ARMBRUSTERDISPATCH ALLEGING TAIWAN
VOTE FRAUD. MAINTAINS ROC ELECTIONS CONDUCTED IN FULL
VIEW TV CAMERAS, WITH THREE NETWORKS RUNNING SPECIALS
LATE INTO NIGHT UNTIL ALL RESULTS KNOWN; ALSO FULL
CONTINGENT 40 CORRESPONDENTS PRESENT -- SO IMPOSSIBLE
TO HAVE "SHENANIGANS" REPORTED BY ARMBRUSTER.

13. MAGNUSON BILL-LOS

CSM SEES SENATE VOTE ON MAGNUSON BILL INCREASING URGENCY
OF LOS REACHING INTL AGREEMENT ON MANAGEMENT OF OCEAN
RESOURCES. WELCOMES AMENDMENT POSTPONING ENFORCEMENT
TO 1977. FORESEES 200-MILE ZONE COMING, ONE WAY OR
ANOTHER; BUT NOTES IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING WITH
MUCH INTL COOPERATION AS POSSIBLE, RATHER THAN POTENTIAL
ANARCHY INHERENT IN SPREADING UNILATERAL ACTIONS.
THEREFORE, URGES SENATE VOTE BE VIEWED AS SPUR TO

PROGRESS IN LOS, NOT EXCUSE TO UNDERMINE CONFERENCE.
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ZELNICK (CSM SPECIAL, WASHINGTON) SAYS MANY INTL LAWYERS BELIEVE UNILATERAL MOVE BY US TO EXTEND FISHERIES JURISDICTION TO 200 MILES WOULD VIOLATE TREATY OBLIGATIONS UNDER 1958 HIGH SEAS CONVENTION. CITES ARGUMENT BY SUPPORTERS THAT PASSAGE OF MAGNUSON BILL "COULD ENCOURAGE" LOS CONFERENCE PRODUCE CONCRETE RESULTS TO STEM UNILATERAL CLAIMS TO 200-MILE ZONE, WHICH NECESSARY, IN ANY CASE TO PREVENT DEPLETION IMPORTANT US FISH STOCKS.

JOC DEPLORES SENATE FAILURE ADOPT CRANSTON-GRIFFIN AMENDMENT TO MAGNUSON BILL, THAT WOULD HAVE REQUIRED US NEGOTIATE SIX-MONTHS WITH LOS CONFEREES BEFORE UNILATERALLY DECREERING 200 MILE ZONE. AS IS, MANY COUNTRIES THINKING OF DOING SAME THING MIGHT NOW FEEL WASHINGTON HAS GIVEN "GO-AHEAD" TO DO SO. GRANTS THAT GREAT CONCENTRATION OF FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS, FLOATING CANNERIES OFF US SHORES, REQUIRES SOME KIND OF ACTION; BUT WONDERS WHY SENATE WAITED FOUR MONTHS AFTER HOUSE PASSED STUDDS BILL, AND THEN PASSED MAGNUSON BILL JUST TWO MONTHS BEFORE LOS RECONVENES. DEPLORES FACT THAT VOTE DEPRIVED US DELEGATION OF "MOST IMPORTANT BARGAINING WEAPON." PROMISES FURTHER EDITORIAL COMMENT ON ISSUE.

MICHAEL JENSEN (NYT) NOTES SENATE VOTE WEDNESDAY "NARROWLY VIEWED" AS VICTORY FOR EAST COAST FISHERMEN WHO HAVE SEEN FLEETS DECLINE STEADILY PAST FIFTEEN YEARS. BUT VOTE ALSO HAS WIDE REPERCUSSIONS, AND, IN EYES OF SOME, INVOLVES "VERY PRESERVATION" OF WORLD'S FISHING INDUSTRY. NOTES HEAVY JAPANESE RELIANCE ON FISH AS FOOD SOURCE, AND FACT PRC RANKS AHEAD OF US AS FISHING NATION. CITES ARGUMENT PROCLAMATION OF 200-MILE ZONE WOULD INVITE RETALIATION INJURIOUS TO CALIFORNIA TUNA FISHERS, GULF COAST SHRIMPERS.

14. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

OMAHA WORLD HERALD (1/23) NOTING FRASER GOVT GOING ALL THE WAY IN COOPERATING WITH US ON DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS,
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SAYS GOOD HAVE AUSTRALIA BACK AS FULL-TIME FRIEND.

COPLEY'S PRINA (SAN DIEGO UNION 1/16) SEES THINGS BEGINNING LOOK UP DOWN UNDER IN AUSTRALIA, NZ WITH "ANTI-YANK" ATTITUDE, PUBLIC CRITICISM US INTL POLICY

DESTINED FADE OVER AT LEAST NEXT 3 YEARS. REVIEWS
POLICY SHIFTS SINCE NEW GOVTS TOOK OVER.

15. PHILIPPINES

COPLEY'S NEILAND (SAN DIEGO UNION 1/16) OPINES US WILL
RETAIN CONTROL BASES. SAYS PRC KNOWN APPROVE
CONTINUANCE US PRESENCE AT SUBIC, CLARK AS DETERRENT
TO EXPANDED USSR NAVAL PRESENCE IN PAC. ANTICIPATES
TOUGH NEGOTIATING ON BASES, WITH SETTLEMENT ALLOWING
COMBINED US USE. HEARS HINTS MARCOS ANGLING FOR VISIT
WASHINGTON; NOTES ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGREEMENT ON
BASES WOULD PROVIDE WORTHY EXCUSE, WITH VISIT "A NATURAL"
FOR BICENTENNIAL YEAR. -

16. GENERAL

EAKER (SAN DIEGO UNION 1/19) FINDS NBC JAN 5 3-HR REVIEW
US FOREIGN POLICY "NOT REASSURING." RECOUNTS PHASES
IN US DIPLOMATIC HISTORY, PRESENT PROBLEMS BROUGHT UP
IN PROGRAM, INCLUDING "SUCCESSION OF FAILURES" OVER
PAST 4 YEARS; THESE INCLUDE PARIS TREATY WITH NVN, LOSS
INDIAN OCEAN TO USSR WHEN CONGRESS CANCELED DIEGO
GARCIA BASE, CONCILATORY OVERTURES PRC NOW MAKING TO
MOSCOW. KISSINGER

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